

Senate Resolution 966

By: Senator Pearson of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. John Athon Cagle; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. John Athon Cagle graduated from Georgia College in Milledgeville,
3 Georgia, with Bachelor of Science in health, physical education, and recreation; and

4 WHEREAS, he taught school at Pickens County High School from 1976 through 1978; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1979 he decided to change careers and was hired by the Georgia Bureau of
6 Investigation to work on the local violators squad; and

7 WHEREAS, the following year, 1980, he was promoted to special agent and assigned to the
8 Metro Fugitive Squad, and in 1981, he transferred to the Gainesville Regional Drug
9 Enforcement Office; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1993, he was promoted to assistant special agent in charge of the
11 Appalachian Drug Task Force in Cleveland, Georgia, but in 1997, he transferred back to the
12 Gainesville Regional Enforcement Office; and

13 WHEREAS, while working he was attending Columbus State University and received his
14 master's degree in public administration from Columbus State University, and in 2002, he
15 was promoted to Special Agent in Charge of Region 8; and

16 WHEREAS, throughout his career he has received numerous honors and recognition
17 including being recognized by the Drug Enforcement Administration for his efforts in the
18 field of drug enforcement and receiving a special award of honor by the International
19 Narcotics Officers Association in San Diego, California; and

1 WHEREAS, for his participation in federal drug investigations in the Middle District of
2 Georgia and Northern District of Georgia, he received the Organized Crime Drug
3 Enforcement Task Force's Case of the Year award; and

4 WHEREAS, Special Agent Cagle has testified as an expert in state and federal court cases
5 regarding methamphetamine distribution methods; he was instrumental in drafting the current
6 methamphetamine laws in Georgia; he has taught various courses in major drug case
7 investigations and preparation; and he participated in major drug investigations around the
8 country and around the world; and

9 WHEREAS, Special Agent Cagle supervised the investigation in the Sue Ann Ray murder
10 and received the Director's Award in 2007; and most recently he was the Special Agent in
11 Charge of the Gary Hilton case; and

12 WHEREAS, he has survived being shot at 19 times, but most importantly he is a cancer
13 survivor.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
15 recognize Special Agent John Athon Cagle and commend him for his outstanding service to
16 the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, his community, the state, and our country.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
18 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Special Agent John Athon Cagle.